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In Re U.S. Continuation Patent Application of: )  
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From PCT/GB98/00360 (filed 05 February 1998) )  
And British Application No. 9703441. (Filed 19 February 1997) )  
For: "Progressive Block-Based Coding For Image Compression" )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examination of this Application, please make the following amendments.

In the Specification:

On Page 1, after the title, please insert the sentence: --This Application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/GB98/00360, filed February 5, 1998, now pending (which is hereby incorporated by reference).--

On Page 1, after the above added new sentence, please add the heading --DESCRIPTION--.

On Page 1, after the above new sentence is added, please add the heading -- Technical Field --.

On Page 1, after line 6, please add the heading -- Background of the Invention --.

On Page 1, after line 21, please add the heading -- Summary of the Invention --.

On Page 5, after line 1, please add the heading -- Brief Description of the Drawings --

On Page 5, after line 10, please add the heading -- Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments --

On Page 10, line 3, delete "applicants have realised" and insert -- applicant has realized --.

On Page 11, line 26, delete "synchronisation" and insert -- synchronization --.

EmbodymentsIn the Claims:

At the top of Page 14, just prior to Claim 1, delete the term "Claims" and insert a new paragraph of one sentence -- The invention claimed is: --.

1. A method of image compression comprising the steps of:

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